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Erin Cowles**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Mathieu et al.  
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TC/A.U. : 2833  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the Office Action of 10/31/2006, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after 1/31/2007, and in accordance with the included Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.